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This simple act of moving a spadeful of earth represents an important moment for me. It signifies the start of a great adventure for all of us -- U. S. International Transportation Exposition -- Transpo '72 -- the first of its kind in the world.

In a little less than a year this open space will support four pavilions -- each of which will house a tremendous variety of U.S. and international transportation equipment and technology. There will be extensive outdoor exhibit areas and a grandstand for viewing the airshow and other transportation demonstrations and 130 sales centers.

Every day for the nine days of the exposition -- the wide open spaces we see today will be alive with thousands of people -- many on business but most for educational recreation. We expect a million people and we will be prepared for them -- we will have full food service, rest room facilities, and ample parking spaces for cars and buses.

The crowds will be seeing, touching, examining; and in some cases, riding the latest and the best of our transportation hardware -- land, sea, and air. They will be learning more about our technology and how we have harnessed it to make our personal mobility, and the shipment of goods safer, swifter, more efficient and economical.

Those who visit Transpo '72 will learn about the impact of transportation in all its forms on our environment and on the quality of life -- and what the American transportation industry and we in the Department of Transportation are doing to preserve and enhance it. I think Transpo '72 visitors will be pleased with what they see.

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This airport has earned the nickname "Gateway to the World." Transpo '72, built in the shadow of Dulles' unique tower and terminal, will be a gateway of another sort for it will represent a point of embarkation to a world still taking shape -- and the world of modern transportation technology and techniques. Within the next 18 1/2 years we must double our transportation capacity. Simply building twice as many ships, cars, buses, trains or planes will not solve our transportation crisis. Such a course would merely double our problems of congestion, air and noise pollution, and waste of natural resources.

The answer lies in the mind of man -- in his imagination, his energy, his response to challenge. Transpo '72 will be a showcase for transportation challenge and response. It is an honor to take part in these ceremonies today.

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